

ABSTRACT OF THE DISCLOSURE

A method for controlling the time which a user spends connected to a data communication network, comprising the steps of:

- upon connection of a user to a data communication network, determining
- 5 a profile of the user by determining the age group to which the user belongs;
- calculating a time that the user has spent connected to the data communication network and comparing the connection time with a table which contains connection times which are predefined according to the different age groups of the user;
- 10 if the connection time is greater than the maximum allowable time for the age group of the user, automatically interrupting the connection to the data communication network.